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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJ: CANCELLATION OF SECRETARY'S VISIT TO LONDON

FOR AMBASSADOR ANNENBERG FROM THE SECRETARY

YOU WILL SEE FROM A SEPARATE CABLE THAT EVENTS HERE HAVE
LED ME TO DECIDE NOT TO VISIT EUROPE AT THE PRESENT TIME.
WE ARE RELUCTANTLY CANCELLING THE CHIEFS OF MISSION CON-
FERENCE AND I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT SIR ALEC'S AND
THE PRIME MINISTER'S KIND INVITATIONS TO MEET WITH THEM.

WOULD YOU PLEASE CONVEY PERSONALLY AND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
MY DEEP REGRETS AND PASS ON TO THEM THE MESSAGES WHICH
FOLLOW IN THE NEXT PARAGRAPHS.

I APPRECIATE VERY MUCH THE WORK WHICH YOU AND THE MEMBERS
OF YOUR STAFF HAVE PUT IN ARRANGING FOR THE VISIT AND THE
CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE AND HOPE WE MAY BE ABLE TO
RESCHEDULE IT AT A LATER DATE.

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY FOR SIR ALEC. QUOTE: DEAR ALEC:
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WITH GREAT RELUCTANCE I HAVE DECIDED THAT DEVELOPMENTS IN

THE MIDDLE EAST MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO LEAVE
WASHINGTON NOW. I HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH ROWLEY
CROMER ON THIS MATTER AND I KNOW HE HAS KEPT YOU FULLY
INFORMED.

I HOPE TO BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU AGAIN IN A FEW DAYS ABOUT
HOW WE CAN GO AHEAD WITH THE TALKS I WAS SO MUCH LOOKING
FORWARD TO HAVING WITH YOU AND THE PRIME MINISTER NEXT
WEEK. I HOPE YOU WILL ACCEPT MY REGRETS FOR YOUR
KIND OFFER TO MEET WITH ME AND PROVIDE HOSPITALITY AT DORNEY
WOOD. SINCERELY, HENRY A. KISSINGER. END QUOTE.

PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY FOR THE PRIME MINISTER.
QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: IT IS WITH THE UTMOST
RELUCTANCE THAT I HAVE DECIDED THAT EVENTS IN THE MIDDLE
EAST REQUIRE MY STAYING HERE IN WASHINGTON IN THE NEXT
WEEK. WE HAVE BEEN IN CONTINUING AND CONSTANT TOUCH WITH
ROWLEY CROMER HERE IN WASHINGTON AND I KNOW YOU ARE FULLY
AWARE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH REQUIRE MY MAKING THIS
DECISION.

I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO RESCHEDULE MY VISIT TO THE UNITED
KINGDOM FOR A LATER TIME. PLEASE ACCEPT MY THANKS FOR
YOUR KINDNESS IN ARRANGING FOR A MEETING AND A LUNCHEON
FOR ME AND SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF MY PARTY AND MY APOLOGIES
FOR HAVING TO REGRET YOUR INVITATION. SINCERELY,
HENRY A. KISSINGER. END QUOTE.

SEPTEL FOLLOWS WITH A MESSAGE TO LORD HARLECH CONVEYING
MY REGRETS AT NOT BEING ABLE TO SPEAK TO THE PILGRIMS,
MONDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 15. WOULD YOU PLEASE ALSO CALL
HARLECH PERSONALLY AND TELL HIM OF MY DEEP DISAPPOINTMENT
AND ALSO SEND ON TO HIM MY SEPARATE MESSAGE. KISSINGER

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